प्रकार की शिकायतें लेकर के भ्रष्टाचार के आरोप रुरल इलेक्ट्रिफिकेशन स्कीम के जो चेयरमैन हैं, उनके खिलाफ लगाए गए हैं ? क्या आपको इन आरोपों के बारे में मालूम है और मालूम है तो क्या आप जांच कराएंगे ?

श्री कल्पनाथ राय : मैडम डिप्टी चेयरमैन, यह सवाल ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण से संबंधित है ।

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर : रुरल इलेक्ट्रिफिकेशन के संबंध में ही बता रहा हूं

उपसभापति : सुनें तो, आगे बोलने तो दीजिए जुमला ।

श्री कल्पनाथ राय : मैडम डिप्टी चेयरमैन, ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण एक फायनेंसियल एजेंसी जोकि योजना आयोग द्वारा प्रदेश के गांवों के विद्युतीकरण के लिए जो प्लान आउटले होता है और उसके अलावा आर०ई०सी० से फायनेंस होती है । इस योजना को श्रीमती इंदिरा गांधी ने सन् 69 में शुरू किया था । उसमें प्लान एलोकेशन के अनुरूप उनको पैसे दिए जाते हैं । तो उन राज्यों की क्या धांधली होती है, क्या नहीं होती है, यह सवाल स्टेट का है ।

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर : यह रिमार्क्स जो आपने दिए हैं, ये उसी कार्पोरेशन के दिए हुए हैं ।

उपसभापति : माथुर साहब आपने सवाल पूछ लिया... **(व्यवधान)**... माथुर साहब, आप बार-बार नहीं उठिए, यह आपको शोभा नहीं देता ।

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर : चेयरमैन के खिलाफ जो आरोप हैं, क्या आप उनकी जांच कराएंगे ?

श्री कल्पनाथ राय : मैडम डिप्टी चेयरमैन, जो सवाल माननीय सदस्य पूछ रहे हैं, इसके लिए मुझे सेपरेट नोटिस चाहिए । इस संबंध में अभी जवाब नहीं दे सकता ।

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर : स्वयं आपको चिट्ठी बता दूं मैं आपको कि किस-किस तरह के आरोप हैं । आपको मालूम है ?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let us cover more questions. I would be happy if we cover more questions... (Interruptions)... Let us cover more questions. Question No. 285.

श्री मूलचन्द मीणा : मैडम, आपक संरक्षण चाहता हूं ।

उपसभापति : नहीं नहीं, वह सवाल आगे बढ़ गया । मीणा जी, आप नए मेंबर हैं । मैं आप जैसे मेंबर्स के लिए एक लिबर्टि लेना चाहूंगा कि 20 क्युश्चंस आते है बैलेट में और अगर हम जल्दी जल्दी करें तो हो सकता है कि आगे के क्युश्चंस में आप सवाल पूछ सकें और मंत्रीजी उनके जवाब दे सकें । बैठिए ।

I have already called Question No. 285...(Interruptions)...That has gone. Somebody should explain to him that I have moved to another question.

श्री रजनी रंजन साहू : मैडम इतनी सप्लीमेंटरीज का सिस्टम बंद होना चाहिए ।

उपसभापति : बहुत ज्यादा सप्लीमेंटरीज होती हैं । एक प्रश्न में 25-25 सप्लीमेंटरीज नहीं चलेंगी ।

श्री मूलचन्द मीणा : चर्चा के लिए रखलें, आधे घंटे की चर्चा के लिए रखलें आगे से ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We will do that...(Interruptions)...

Agreement between Air India and U.S. Exim Bank

*285. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

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†The question was acutally asked on the floor of the Houe by Shri Sukomal Sen.

(a) wheher it is a fact that Air India has signed a credit agreement for 600 million dollars with the US Exim Bank for financiing the purchase of four Boeing 747 aircraft each with capacity for 400 passengers.

(b) if so, what are the details of the agreement, particularly concerning repayment;

(c) whether Government have sought any further loan facility in this regard from some other banks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION) (SHRI M. O. H. FAROOK): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) For financing the purchase of four Boeing 747-400 aircraft by Air India during 1993-94, M/s. ANZ Grindlays Bank and Citi Bank have arranged for an advance of US$ 600.039 million guaranteed by the Exim Bank of USA and a commercial loan of US dollar 74,214 milion from a syndicate o banks.

(b) The loans are repayable as under:—

(i) US Exim Bank has guaranteed a loan of US$ 600.039 million in 24 equal semi annual instalments;

(ii) Commercial loan of US$ 74.214 million is repayable in 10 equal semi annual instalments;

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Madam, four Boeing 747-400 have been purchased. Orders have been placed and ANZ Grindlays Bank and Citibank have arranged finance of 600 millions US dollars. I would like to ask the hon. Minister as to what is the time-schedule for payment to Boeing; what is the time-schedule of delivery of the Boeing to Air India; whether there is an option of purchase of five more Boeing 747; and what is the last date before which the op tion can be exercised? And does the Government mean to exercise this option?

SHRI M.O.H. FAROOK: Madam, as far as the delivery is concerned, the date of delivery is August, 1993, November, 1993, December, 1993 and June, 1994. As far as the other option is concerned, we have got five more aircraft just purchased and there is an option before us. We can exercise the option before October next year.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Are you satisfied? I can move to another question now.. (Interruptions) ..

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Madam, my second supplementary. I want to know whether Air India is going to repay this amount from its own cash-flow or it proposes to sell its older aircraft when these Boeing 747-400 come? And, yesterday, in Parliament, you had stated that the Indian Airlines was in a mess. I would like to know whether Air India also is in a similar mess or not.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): Madam, I would like to put the record straight though the Indian Airlines is not relevant to this question. Now, Madam, I would like to put the record straight. I was misquoted yesterday by the PTI. I never used the word "mess". I said that there was scope for improvement. However, I

have been quoted in the Press as if I had used the word "mess". It is most unfortunate. I would only wish the PTI had been more careful about every word that is used in Parliament. About every word that is said in Parliament, one has to understand the import of it. I would again like to put the record straight. I have never used that word.

Now, with the new CMD in place since the 16th July, I am confident that we would be able to give you good air services and with new aircraft you will get a good civil aviation network within the next year. However, this is not relevant to the main question.

As far as Air-India is concerned, I would like to say that Air-India has never drawn on the foreign exchange resources of the country, to the best of my knowledge, and it has always generated its own resources.

Recently, we have reviewed its working during the first quarter of this year compared to the first quarter of last year. I would just like to inform the House that the operating profit in the first quarter of the financial year, 1992-93, has gone up by quarter last year. I would also like to inform the honaurable Members that the Air-India, during the quarter, April-June, 1992, has carried 1,16,000 more passengers than it did in April-June of 1991. So, all round, there is improvement. In the six or seven corporation under the Ministry positive indications have been clearly reflected in every single review during the last three months and I am absolutely confident that Air-India would be able to repay its liabilities from its own generated resources.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question No. 286.

Outflow of Foreign Exchange

*286. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:†
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an outflow of foreign exchange, from deposits by Non-Resident Indians, has started in the first two months of the financial year 1992-93;

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereof;and

(c) what steps Government have taken to stop the outflow?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (c) According to the provisional data available with RBI, in the months of April and May, 1992, the net outflow from Non-Resident Bank deposits was US$ 221 million.

This outflow has been lower than that in the corresponding period of 1991-92, when the net outflow as US$ 652 million.

Government continuously monitors the position, and takes suitable steps from time to time to make investments and Bank deposits in India more attractive to NRIs.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Madam, the statement is actually nothing. I would like to know from the honurable Minister whether he has made any estimate of the likely outflow of the NRI deposits in India during the current financial year and whether he has tried to pinpoint the reasons for this outflow in the months of April

† The question was actually asked on the floor of the house by Shri Sukomal Sen.